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Sir:

This is in response to the official communication mailed on March 24, 2004. Applicants elect, with traverse, the method of claim 44, which is directed to methods for depletion of B cells by administration of an antibody having the complementarity determining regions (CDRs) of the 2B8 antibody. Traversal is on the grounds that the antibody specified in claim 43, i.e., an antibody having the heavy chain variable region and the light chain variable region are within the scope of the antibodies specified in claim 44. Therefore, the examiner will not have to undertake any additional search efforts to examine both the methods of claim 43 and 44. On this basis, rejoinder of claims 43 and 44 is respectfully requested.

If there are any remaining questions regarding the election of species, applicants respectfully request that the examiner contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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